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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, JO, SA
SUBJECT: THE MISSING \$140 MILLION

1. DURING MY CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER SAUD ON JULY 6 I PASSED TO HIM A COPY OF THE LETTER AMBASSADOR PICKERING SENT TO SHARIF SHARAF CONCERNING THE MISSING \$140 MILLION. FOREIGN MINISTER THANKED ME FOR THE LETTER AND SAID THAT HE WOULD READ IT CAREFULLY. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS NO MISUNDERSTANDING ON THIS SUBJECT BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA AND JORDAN BECAUSE THE SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT HAD MADE IT CLEAR TO THE JORDANIANS THAT THE \$140 MILLION WAS THE FIRST PAYMENT FOR THE HAWK MISSILE SYSTEM AND THAT SAUDI ARABIA WOULD NOW MAKE ONLY THE ADDITIONAL \$100 MILLION PAYMENTS AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED. WHEN DCM ASKED IF THIS MATTER WOULD BE DISCUSSED DURING KING HUSSEIN'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA, FOREIGN MINISTER REPLIED THAT SAUDI SIDE DID NOT INTEND TO RAISE IT AS THEIR POSITION WAS QUITE CLEAR. IF KING HUSSEIN RAISED SUBJECT, THEY WOULD OF COURSE EXPLAIN THEIR POSITION TO HIM ONCE MORE.

2. IF FOREIGN MINISTER'S POSITION ACCURATELY REFLECTS THE THINKING OF KHALID AND FAHD, SAUDI POSITION ON THIS MATTER APPEARS TO BE QUITE RIGID. THEY SEEMED TO EXPECT JORDANIANS

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TO REDISCOVER THE "LOST" \$140 MILLION. IF JORDANIANS DO NOT DO SO, THEY SEEM TO EXPECT THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS WITH JORDAN. AT LEAST THE SAG NOW HAS ACCURATE INFORMATION ON USG POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE GOJ ON MISSING \$140 MILLION. WE WILL BE INTERESTED IN ANY FEED-BACK EMBASSY AMMAN OBTAINS OF KING HUSSEIN'S JULY 6 TALK WITH SAUDIS.

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